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ESTABLISH RAILROAD RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN HUNGARY

In accordance with a resolution of the National Economic Council and a decree of the Council of Ministers, the Railroad Research Institute has been created. The institute operates under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Communications and Post, but supervision in scientific research matters is exercised by the communications committee of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

The object of the institute is research on railroad, streetcar, and industrial railroad lines. The institute has three departments -- technical, railroad economy, and administrative -- with the following tasks:

Technical Department: research on railroad operations and development, track building and maintenance, towing, signal and safety devices, and freight and passenger traffic.

Railroad Economy Department: transportation policy and planning, tariffs, statistics, economy in operations.

Administrative Department: publication and distribution of technical manuals, technical library, official railroad publications, production of educational films on railroads, document section, and direction and development of the Museum of Communications.

The institute also studies ways of distributing freight traffic among the various means of transportation with a view to increasing transportation capacity and reducing the cost of operations. In connection with economy in operations, the institute will pay particular attention to the following problems: bulk freight, especially liquids; mechanization of loading and unloading; transportation of semifinished products; and l.c.l. freight. Other problems will include better utilization of railroad equipment, reduction of traffic peaks, determination of the most suitable kinds of rails, reinforcement of ties, softening agents for boiler feed water, utilization of heat in cinders and of scrapped ties, etc.

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